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THURSDAY EVENING

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## CHINA DAZZLES WITH OUR LIGHTS AND OUR LIQUOR

American Commerce Effect on  
Dawning Nation.

Cigarettes and Sweet Music for  
Dance Halls.

SPEAKER BEFORE CONVENTION

Charles Ernest Scott of Tsing  
Tau to Delegates.

This Is Last Day of State-Wide  
Gathering.

J. H. Engle, of Abilene, was re-elected secretary of the Kansas Sunday School association by the executive committee, which held an all-morning session today.

The following were reappointed as state superintendents: Mrs. S. A. Chappell, of Minneapolis, elementary



F. E. Gates, State Rural Superintendent.

superintendent; Walter Hutton, St. Louis, secondary; M. E. Gabel, of Hinton, adult; Miss Maude A. Price, of Wellington, missionary; Fred E. Gates, of Topeka, rural; Prof. W. E. Rafferty, of Kansas City, training.

Howard C. Bash, of Salina, was made chairman of the board, and Mrs. H. A. Tice, of Dodge City, secretary.

"American commerce brings American loaded cigarettes and liquors to now dawning China," said the Rev. Charles Ernest Scott, of Tsing Tau, China, before the Sunday school convention today. "It also brings the electric light and sweet music to render attractive every dancing hall and brothel of port cities. It brings the American girl."

The speaker urged the necessity of carrying to China the influences that will make for the uplift of the great awakening Chinese nation.

China has been characterized by a lack of patriotism and public spirit, according to the speaker. Life is so wretched in many sections of the nation that it is cheap.

Seventeen hundred of China's great and ancient walled cities are now open, according to the Rev. Charles Ernest Scott, of Tsing Tau, China, today and the gentry residents of these cities are now ready to listen to the adherents of Christianity.

By a series of startling events in far eastern history, that took their beginning from the defeat of China in the China-Japanese war of 1894-95, the Chinese scholars and rulers have



Herman Bowman of St. Louis, General Secretary Missouri Sunday School Association.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM.

8:30 a. m.—Conference at First Methodist. First Congregational and First Presbyterian churches.  
1:45 p. m.—Service of song at Auditorium International. Quartet.  
2:00 p. m.—Address by Rev. Charles Ernest Scott, of China.  
2:30 p. m.—The personnel of the new leadership and the rules of the game.  
3:00 p. m.—Opportunity at close-range.  
3:45 p. m.—"A Visitor From Mars," by Miss Memo Brockway.  
7:00 p. m.—Farewell service. Pipe organ recital.  
7:30 p. m.—Service of song—International quartet.  
8:00 p. m.—Presentation of officers-elect.  
8:30 p. m.—Address by Marion Lawrence.

## PAY ON PROTEST

Standard Oil Company Ties  
String to April Fees.

Anticipation of Test Suit  
Against State Inspection.

In anticipation of litigation involving the constitutionality of the state oil inspection law, the Standard Oil company today made payment of its April fees under protest. Other companies have been paying under protest for several months, but the Standard today made its first move to protect its rights in event of a test suit.

When the Standard sent Frank Cumiskey, state oil inspector, its check for \$3,958.50 to cover April fees, it specified that the payment was under protest and to protect its rights in event of a possible suit. It is understood, however, that the Standard will not bring action to block payment of fees. A suit by one of the several independent companies has been contemplated for several weeks.

Under existing conditions, fees paid by the oil companies are not available by the state and are not turned into the general revenue fund. It is probable that the fees for April will exceed \$6,000. They will be added to a fund of several thousand dollars now held by Cumiskey as protest payments. If a suit to test the state law is brought and the state should lose, protested fees would be returned to the oil companies. Fees not paid under protest, however, cannot be regained by the companies now making payments.

In state house circles, it is believed that a friendly suit may soon be filed by the attorney general against Cumiskey asking for a writ of mandamus. This writ, if issued, would compel him to pay the fees into the treasury and would raise the issues involved in the constitutionality of the state law. No definite announcement of plans has been made.

## LAKE YOUNG IS HELD

Ex-Senator Detained an Hour on Spy  
Charge Against Friend.

Vienna, May 6.—Former United States Senator Lafayette Young, of Des Moines, Ia., accompanied by a former American deputy consul at Bern, Switzerland, was arrested in Innsbruck, Austria, on suspicion of espionage directed against Mr. Young's companion. Mr. Young was released with apologies after a few hours' detention in a hotel. His companion was held in custody in the hotel until today before he was able to satisfy the authorities, who apparently had been warned to look for a man of the same name.

Mr. Young arrived in Vienna this morning. He said he saw no reason for complaint. He left later for Berlin.

Young Writing for His Paper.

Des Moines, May 6.—Former Senator Lafayette Young left here for his European tour January 28, first visiting London. There he spent a month. He was in Belgium for ten days and since has been in Paris and on the French battlefield. He was in the French trenches in the northern part of France on April 15, 16 and 17. Mr. Young is in Europe in the capacity of war correspondent of his own newspaper, the Des Moines Capital.

## RAIN AT LINCOLN.

Game Between Tigers and Savages  
Postponed Again Today.

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—The weather man and J. Pluv. continue to conspire against the Savages and the Tigers today. In spite of the cold weather, it rained again this afternoon and the game had to be postponed.

The players of both teams were in a grouchy mood because they would not be able to earn their salaries. The club owners were also in somewhat of a "blue frame of mind."

## BASEBALL TODAY.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

Wichita at Denver—game postponed; snow.

Des Moines at St. Joseph, no game; wet grounds.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Cincinnati at Chicago—postponed; wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Detroit at St. Louis—game postponed; wet grounds.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

At Buffalo—First game—Score: Kansas City 4 3 0 Buffalo 2 4 4 Batteries—Main and Easterly; Anderson and Allen.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

St. Paul at Minneapolis—Game postponed; wet grounds.

## GERMANS MASS FOR NEW DRIVE

Teutons Hold Positions Gained  
on Hill No. 60.

London Admits Partial Success  
of Kaiser's Attacks.

HOPE IN A NEW ALIGNMENT.

British Do Not Minimize Persistence of Opposition.

British Deny West Gallician  
Front Is Crushed.

Vienna, May 6.—The victorious Austrian advance continues on the entire West Gallician front, according to an official announcement made by the war office today. Russian prisoners to the number of 5,000 have been taken.

London, May 6.—For the first time since the British forced the Germans from Hill No. 60, near Ypres, the soldiers of Emperor William have been partly successful in their counter attacks, and no advances to the contrary having been received it is assumed the Germans are still holding today the positions they obtained on the hill by the use of asphyxiating gases.

Meanwhile, the German line to the east of Ypres is within three miles of the town. The British press does not seek to deny or minimize the persistence of opposition.

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## SNOW IN KANSAS

Inch Was Reported From  
Northwest Sections.

Half Inch of Rain at Topeka—  
State Is Wet.

Precipitation has been general in Kansas in the last 24 hours—with rain and snow in northwestern Kansas. An inch of snow was reported from Goodland and a trace at Phillipsburg. There was a temperature of 30 degrees at Goodland, and the mercury was close to the freezing point in the entire northwest section. Damage to the alfalfa is reported.

The rainfall at Topeka between 8:15 o'clock Wednesday night and 10 o'clock this morning was .42 of an inch. The heaviest rain was reported at Sedan, in Chautauqua county—1.14 inches.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy tonight with frost in the western and north-central portions of the state; Friday fair.

The entire state is well watered; in fact, more rain is not needed just now. "It is a case of getting too much of a good thing," commented "Sun" Flora, the local observer. While the surface soil is well soaked the stage of the Kaw river—5.9 feet—indicates that the subsoil is not saturated to the running away point. The normal stage of the Kaw for May is 7.7 feet.

The temperature was 18 degrees below normal this afternoon. The thermometer reading at 2 o'clock was 43 degrees. If the sky should clear early tonight the chances will be good for frost.

The hourly readings: 7 o'clock . . . . . 50 11 o'clock . . . . . 45 8 o'clock . . . . . 50 12 o'clock . . . . . 44 9 o'clock . . . . . 51 1 o'clock . . . . . 43 10 o'clock . . . . . 48 2 o'clock . . . . . 43

Snow in Texas Panhandle.

Kansas City, May 6.—Snow fell in a section of the Panhandle of Texas, and at Denver, Colo., during the last 24 hours, according to reports to the local weather bureau today. Killing frosts prevailed last night over Nebraska, the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming while Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Missouri and a large portion of Kansas experienced cold rains.

Dalhart, Tex., reported a white blanket covered that section of the Panhandle this morning. Fears are felt for fruit trees there.

Observer Conner said the Texas precipitation probably was a continuation of the Denver storm. Predictions for a repetition tonight of frost in Nebraska, Kansas added to the threatened district, were made by the bureau.

Snowing at Denver.

Denver, May 6.—Snow was falling today in Denver and over much of eastern and southwestern Colorado. The storm did not extend to the western slope. A light snow fell in Cheyenne last night.

## GERMANS HIT CUSHING

Air Craft Decorated With Teutonic  
Sign of Cross.

Washington, May 6.—The aeroplane which bombed the American steamship Cushing off the Dutch coast had three crosses painted on its under side. This was reported to the state department by Consul Liscoe at Rotterdam today.

Inasmuch as it is understood the Germans have recently been decorating their aeroplanes with representations of the iron cross and none of the other belligerent aircraft are known to have similar markings, it was considered an important piece of evidence.

Rate Hearing to Conclude.

Chicago, May 6.—A four-day session was begun here today by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels, who heard all uncompleted evidence for the protestants in the western advance rate cases.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Partly cloudy tonight and cooler in southeast portion.

## PUBLIC PROBE SOON TO START

Governor Capper Announces  
That He Will at Once

Begin Preparing Evidence in  
the Wyandotte Election Case.

ALL INVITED TO BE PRESENT.

A Hearing Will Be Accorded to  
Every Accused Person.

County Political Chairmen  
Will Be Called to Testify.

Governor Capper announced today that he would begin a public probe of alleged Wyandotte county election corruption the week of May 17. S. M. Brewster, attorney general, will be placed in charge of the investigation.

When he returned to Topeka today from a trip to Crawford county, the governor stated that he would at once begin the preparation of evidence in the case. It is his purpose personally to take a hand in the inquiry and he may himself attend the hearing. It is hardly possible that the formal complaints will be made in advance of the investigation, but the state will use such evidence as is brought out in the prosecution of alleged law violators.

"It is my plan to begin the hearing the week after next," said Governor Capper. "The details in the case have not been discussed with Mr. Brewster, but we will take up in detail such matters as have been presented."

"There is no question in my mind that a well organized gang of men have for several years been running the political affairs of Kansas City, Kansas, with a high hand. Candidates have been forced to contribute to them money and money has been spent in a questionable manner. I do not charge that Mayor Green or any member of the present city administration have been personally guilty of any offense. But there is doubtless a gang in Kansas City that should be weeded out."

Will Reply to Zimmer.

"I will make reply to Mr. Zimmer's letter refusing to resign and will assure him that he will be given a hearing. The hearing will be open to everyone—in fact everyone who desires to attend will be invited. I will also ask chairmen of the various county political organizations to come in and what they know of election conditions."

Since it was announced that a probe of election conditions in Wyandotte county would be made, the governor has received numerous letters. Some of these letters contain suggestions and possible evidence that may be used in the inquiry. Shortly before noon Attorney General Brewster was called into conference with the governor, but no statement as to plans was announced.

## 40 HOUSES DOWN

Wind and Rain Sweep Parts of  
Oklahoma and Texas.

Many Persons Injured; No  
Loss of Life Reported.

Ardmore, Okla., May 6.—Three persons were injured and much property was damaged here today by a heavy wind storm.

It was reported that Wilson, Okla., near here, was hit by a small tornado, which blew down forty buildings. No one was seriously injured there.

Winds of almost cyclonic proportions were reported over a wide section of southern Oklahoma.

At Ringling, Okla., a Baptist church was reported blown down and other buildings were damaged, but no one was injured. Several frame buildings near Wichita Falls, Tex., twenty-five derricks were blown down and several houses damaged.

A third ward school house here was partially unroofed and several children were injured. Two girls, Orree Madden, 14, and Esther Smith, 13, were taken to the hospital.

J. C. McLaughlin was hurt when his residence was partially unroofed. The telephone and telegraph lines were damaged. It was stated that Ardmore would be without electric lights for 24 hours. Several frame buildings were twisted, the storm being confined principally to the southwestern section of the city. The storm broke here at 9:30 a. m. and was accompanied by what was almost a cloud burst.

At Gainesville, Tex., much crop damage was caused by heavy rain and high wind. Other northern Texas sections reported heavy rain.

## TREMOR IS RECORDED

Earth Shocks of Moderate Intensity  
1,800 Miles Away.

Washington, May 6.—Seismographs at Georgetown university today between 7:25 and 7:45 a. m. recorded earth shocks of moderate intensity, estimated to have been 1,800 miles from Washington.

## RAISE FRUIT FOR SAILORS.

London, May 6.—Fruit and vegetables for the men of the fleet is the object of a new campaign approved by the admiralty. British housewives are urged to plant, in addition to their regular gardens, a small plot from which vegetables may be gathered for the men of the navy. Contributions of money are asked and then the funds are to be used for the purchase of fruit, which will be dispatched to the various units of the fleet operating in many quarters.

## COURT BARS OUT T.R.'S VICE STORY

Legal Barriers in Libel Suit  
Give Colonel Setback.

Former President's Farewell  
Appearance Perfunctory.

BARNES FOR BI-PARTISAN BOSS

Once Told Roosevelt "Riff-Raff" Could Not Be Trusted.

Necessary for Head of Organization to Control.

Syracuse, May 6.—Legal barriers in the Barnes-Roosevelt libel trial were raised today against testimony of alleged vice and graft in Albany. Justice Andrews excluded such evidence desired by the Roosevelt side. The ruling was regarded as a serious setback for the defense.

The ruling preceded a five minute appearance of the colonel on the witness stand. His farewell appearance as a witness was perfunctory, cut short by declaration of Barnes's lawyers to cross examine him.

"I don't care to have anything further to do with Colonel Roosevelt," said Attorney Ivins, eliciting the colonel's broadest smile, with a full view of his teeth and no resentment.

Colonel's Lawyers Lose Point.

Justice Andrews's ruling followed a vigorous effort of Roosevelt's lawyers (Continued on Page 6.)

## HE GIVES UP STAGE

Jess Willard's Thespian Career  
a Financial Failure.

Kansas Cowboy Will Enter a  
Wild West Show.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 6.—As an actor, Jess Willard is a good pugilist. As a member of a wild west show he ought to be the big cheese. Today Willard abandoned his stage career and signed a wild west show which will open here Sunday. Willard's thespian tour is said to have proved a mammoth financial failure, and it is rumored that he will get \$1,000 a day from the tent show. Hence the change.

Besides, Willard's friends say that he will be more in his element with a wild west affair than before the footlights. It is known that he still loves the open air and remembers with pleasure his cowboy days. With the wild west show, he will be able to don the sombrero, the red bandanna and the "chaps" again, and even if he does not have any cows to punch, he will get more pleasure out of his money making.

## NO ARMY RESPIRE

King of Italy Orders Suspension  
of Furloughs.

Warlike Move Despite Report  
of Peace Feeling.

Rome, May 6.—The king has ordered a suspension of all furloughs in the army.

Rome, (via Chiasso, Switzerland, to Paris), May 6.—In official quarters, where the true situation in Italy is known and notwithstanding the anti-Austrian feeling shown at the unveiling of the Garibaldi monument at Quarto Sant' Elena, it was said today that the possibility of an accord between Italy and Austria had never been so probable.

Serbia Gets Sea Outlet.

Rome, May 6.—It was announced today that Italy and Serbia have reached an agreement regarding an outlet for Serbia on the Adriatic.

War Plans Go Forward.

On the Italian frontier, May 6.—At the same time that the negotiations between Italy and Austria are being continued, Italy's military preparations are being completed with as much energy as though the country expected to participate in war tomorrow. All the Carabinieri and the customs guards who in Italy are attached to the army have been called to the colors.

The frontier of Italy on the Austrian side has been strongly fortified. All the passes are protected with entrenchments and wire entanglements.

## RATE HEARING JULY 6

Commerce Board to Consider Western  
Roads in Chicago.

Washington, May 6.—The interstate commerce commission will give a hearing July 6 in Chicago on proposed increased passenger fares on many western roads.

Wilson Avoids Suffragists.

Washington, May 6.—President Wilson today declined an invitation of a committee of Philadelphia women suffragists that he receive a large delegation Monday when he goes there to speak to newly naturalized American citizens.

Prof. W. B. Graves Dead.

Andover, Mass., May 6.—W. B. Graves, professor emeritus of natural sciences at Phillips-Andover academy and father of Henry S. Graves, United States forester, died last night.

## MUSK RAT SOUSE PARTY.

Manitowish, Wis., May 6.—The proprietor of a North side thirst emporium had been annoyed by a thief who entered the cellar without disturbing any of the visible means of ingress and removed the corks from the choicest wines and brandies, leaving the partly emptied bottles when he departed. The mystery was explained when he saw a muskrat with a jag making its unsteady way from the cellar to the river. For several days the saloonkeeper entertained his patrons by posting them where they could watch the bibulous rodent enter a hole in the wall, gnaw the corks from a few bottles and acquire a load. Then one day he saw the muskrat approaching the saloon in company with six others. The saloonkeeper drew the line at the muskrat giving a souse party to his friends "on the house." He broke up the revel with a gun.

## MORE SHIPS DOWN

Danish Steamer and Schooner  
Earl Blown Up.

Two More Trawlers Torpedoed;  
15 Since Sunday.

London, May 6.—The Danish steamer Cathay from Copenhagen for Chinese ports, was either mined or torpedoed last night in the North sea. She went down in twenty minutes. Her passengers and the members of her crew, totaling 43 persons, took to the small boats and all were landed safely at Ramsgate today.

The schooner Earl of Latham was sunk by a German submarine off Kin-sale, on the Irish coast. The crew was permitted to take to the small boats and was rescued by a trawler. The submarine fired nine shells at the schooner before she sank.

Two More Trawlers Wrecked.

London, May 6.—Two more trawlers have been added to the list of German submarine victims in the North sea. Seventeen trawlers have been reported sunk since Sunday.

The trawler Straton of Grimsby was sunk in the North sea yesterday by the gunfire of a German submarine. The crew was taken on board the submarine. A Norwegian vessel landed last evening the crew of the trawler Scepter which was torpedoed 40 miles off Peterhead.

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